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National Crop Insurance Programme
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the salient features of the National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP);

(b) the number of complaints for non-payment or delayed payments received by the Government along with the number of complaints disposed off under the said programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been gap between the funds allocated and released to the implementing agencies under the said Programme during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any target for participation of public and private sector companies in the said Programme and if so, the details thereof along with its achievements;

(e) the number of farmers benefited under the said Programme during the said period, State-wise; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said Programme across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) with three component schemes namely, Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) was introduced from Rabi 2013-14 in the country and remained under implementation till Rabi 2015-16 season. Salient features of the scheme are at Annexure-I.

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(b): During implementation of the scheme, some complaints about non-payment and delayed payment of claims; under payment of claims on account of incorrect/delayed submission of insurance proposals by banks; unrealistic assessment of crop loss due to large unit area of insurance; delay in providing Government share of funds etc., have been received in the past. As far as possible, all the complaints were suitably addressed by the Insurer and the Ministry.

(c): No, Madam. All the funds required as committed liability of the Central Government were made available for implementation of the scheme.
(d): The scheme was implemented by Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. along with empanelled private General Insurance Companies.
(e): State-wise details of farmers covered and benefited under the scheme are given in Annexure-II.
(f): On the basis of the review and consultations with stakeholders, the scheme was withdrawn from Rabi 2015-16 and new improved Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) along with Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) have been launched from Kharif 2016 season in the country.